



THE HIGHWAY



VOLUME 2 — NO. 5

TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

DECEMBER, 1943

Donales Blood On Six Occasions

Hats off to Mrs. Genevieve Anderson of the Laboratory. This little lady has donated blood to the Red Cross on six different occasions, despite the fact that her name was inadvertently left from the list appearing in THE HIGHWAY last month. Gene is well on her way to receiving an Honor Ribbon as a Gallon Donor and we believe she leads our distaff side in the number of visits made.

It is the unselfish contributions of men and women such as Gene that has made possible the splendid record of the Army Medical Corps in greatly reducing the percentage of deaths from wounds received in battle. According to recent statistics, only one percent of those wounded on Guadalcanal have died.

The Red Cross Blood Bank will visit Trenton on December 13th to 18th. If you are one of those who are planning to participate in this most patriotic movement at that time, contact your division chairman or call Trenton 4-1161 for an appointment. The blood you give may save the life of someone dear to you.

Fernwood Retains Bowling Lead

With the end of the first half of the State Highway Bowling League drawing to a close, the Equipment Division team composed of O'Rourke, Stevens, Brennan, McCabe, Lawler and J. Miszur is still in front by a narrow margin.

Close upon the heels of this aggregation, with a fair chance of overhauling the leaders, comes Administration, the only other team to boast of an average of better than .500.

The surprise team of recent weeks has been Projects which, after a dismal start, have apparently hit their stride and are now proving to be a most difficult hurdle for those with championship aspirations.

The first half of the league schedule will end on December 17th and the team in first place at that time will be assured of at least a temporary hold on the eventual championship.

A sixth team has been formed and is ready to step into the competition with the start of the second half race. This aggregation representing the Fernwood office (this designation is used advisedly) will consist of George Engemann, Jack Brower, Andy Foster, John Przemienensky, Russell Cook, John Isherwood, Henry Brackel and John Castranola. They promise to make the second half a wide open race.

The standing of all teams at this date follows:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Equipment	20	7	.740
Administration	16	8	.666
Drafting	11	16	.407
Electrical	8	16	.333
Projects	10	20	.333

Richard J. Hall

Richard J. Hall of River Road, Trenton, veteran of eighteen years service with the Construction Division died on Thursday, December 9th at Mercer Hospital following a brief illness. He is survived by his father, Alvah J. Hall, for many years an employee of the Bridge Division, two sisters, Addie Hall and Mrs. Edith Riggs and four brothers, Lewis F., Asst. Federal Aid Eng., Charles C., Alvah J. Jr., and William B.

Dick, who had seen service with the A.E.F. during the last war was accordingly buried with appropriate military ceremonies. Six fellow employees, John Madden, Oliver Lozier, Henry Stephan, Arthur Lichtenberg, Wilbur Spencer and George Hefferman acted as pall bearers, while Chester Hill of the State House Annex staff blew taps.

Dick Hall will be fondly remembered by all who came to know him during his many years with the Department and his passing will long be regretted. THE HIGHWAY extends to his survivors every sympathy.

Ten Year Club 13th Annual Dinner

Honor Veteran Employees

Steeped in the traditions of other years, the Ten Year Club gathered for their 13th annual dinner and election of officers on Monday evening, November 15th, at the Stacy Trent Hotel in Trenton. Despite travel restrictions, 233 members, representing all sections of New Jersey, enjoyed an evening devoted to the renewal of old friendships.



WILBUR H. SPENCER

One event that will long be remembered came when after singing the Star Spangled Banner the club's service flag was unveiled amid thunderous applause. As the covering was drawn aside revealing the flag, the assemblage rose to their feet as a man in tribute to those members now serving in the Armed Forces. And many a thrill was felt as the secretary read the names of the 68 men, many of whom are now fighting on foreign fields.

Due to a series of circumstances beyond the control of all concerned, neither Commissioner Miller nor Mr. Connett was able to be present. Stepping into the breach thus created, Mr. A. Lee Grover read a message from the Commissioner and added a few well chosen words of his own. As always, Lee did a good job.

Spencer Named President

As a result of the elections the destinies of the Ten Year Club would seem to be in capable hands. The officers for the coming year are: Wilbur H. Spencer, President; Robert G. Martin, 1st Vice President; Robert C. MacMullin, 2nd Vice President; W. Eugene Beckner, 3rd Vice President; Richard A. Snyder, Secretary; Raymond A. Callahan, Asst. Secretary; Arthur J. Egan, Financial Secretary; and Clyde W. Case, Treasurer.

Many a laugh resulted from a good show, but nothing quite to compare with that which greeted the president-elect when he addressed the gathering as "Fellow members of the Bridge Division Club." This inadvertent, mirth provoking salutation was just what was needed to put the group in a receptive mood for the acceptance speech that followed.

Make Service Awards

Following the procedure established last year, Mr. C. F. Bedwell awarded the service award pins to the twenty-five year men, while Mr. E. E. Reed played a similar role in honoring the twenty-year men. In all, 50 employees were awarded as a result of their long service.

As a result of the balloting, five new men were welcomed into the ranks of the club membership. These were:

Franklin Gephart ... Administration
John M. Golding ... Maintenance
John S. Rankin ... Maintenance
Albertus Simmerman ... Maintenance
Wm. Van Breeman ... Construction

The manner in which the retiring president, Eugene Palmer, conducted the affair entitles the 13th Annual Dinner to a high place in the memories of all who attended.

THIRD WAR CHRISTMAS FORECASTS VICTORY

MOBILIZED AMERICA FACES NEW YEAR WITH CONFIDENCE

Christmas this year will find America entering upon the Third Year of Global War. It will find American armed forces fighting on eighty battlefronts on the Five Continents, the Seven Seas and the Limitless Air. It will find American fields and factories setting new records for productivity on the home front. And all this achieved in two years since the fateful attack on Pearl Harbor!

No one who does not know America, her vast natural and human resources, her limitless skills, her spiritual power, could have predicted our Navy would have been more than doubled in twenty-four months; that our Army, trained and fully equipped, would have trebled in size; that our Ship Yards would have increased their output to three ships a day and that our total output of airplanes would have reached a grand total of 150,000—all in two years. But that is the record. And our production has not yet reached its peak!

No one indeed who does not know the American Transportation System, its vast network of railroads and highways could have believed that we could have transported the colossal volume of foods, goods, munitions, and men these past twenty-four months without interruption. To meet the needs for highways to Forts and Factories, 7,000 miles of new Access roads have been built by the Highway Departments of the several states,—58 Miles of which have been in our own State as agents of the Federal Government. And our task is not yet complete!

As we turn back these past four and twenty months to December, 1941, no one could predict then that we today should be well down the road to Victory as a full partner in the United Nations; nor could any one predict with certainty that we should have achieved firmer and more friendly understanding with Britain, China and Russia than ever before. But these are now historic facts. And our ties with the United Nations are becoming more secure!

As the year 1943 draws to a close and the New Year approaches, our thoughts turn first of all to those of our Department who have laid down their lives for a better world. We know that they had high hopes and lofty dreams; we are sure that their families had even loftier hopes for them. They are our Gold Star Youths and theirs our Gold Star Families. Our thoughts turn next to the absent ones in our highway family—the 410 of our employees, men and women who are fighting for freedom and decency all over the world.

To them—each one of them—wherever they are, we send our Hearty Christmas Greeting and best wishes for a Happier Year for all.

The Christmas season is particularly the season of light; its eternal symbol is a star. The Star of Bethlehem which the Magi followed recalls to all of us that message of the first Christmas. "Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will." This is our message to each one even in war. It is the promise of the future which gives meaning to all their sacrifices, their strivings and ours.

As a message for the New Year I can think of no more appropriate words than the poet M. Louise Haskins:

"And I said to the man who stood at the gate
of the Year; Give me a light that I may tread safely
into the Unknown!

"And he replied: Go out into the darkness
and put thine hand into the Hand of God. That
shall be to thee better than life and safer than a
known way."

SPENCER MILLER, Jr.
State Highway Commissioner.

Projects Sea-bee Dodged Jap Bombs In South Pacific

Jap bombings, steaming jungles, sweltering heat and just plain hard work would be a brief way of describing the nine months spent by Warrant Officer Sidney Sterner in the islands of the Southwest Pacific.

Sterner, who left his job as Projects Inspector to join the SeaBees, shipped from Norfolk last Decem-



SIDNEY STERNER

ber for New Caledonia via the Panama Canal. Until his return to this country on November 1st, life was packed with adventure as the 35th Construction Battalion moved from island to island on the heels of the retreating Japanese.

After landing in New Caledonia where he stayed for two weeks, Chief Petty Officer Sterner (he was promoted to Warrant Officer on September 1st) and his outfit, which included Jack Carr, Jr., of the Maintenance Division, proceeded to Esperito Santos in the New Hebrides.

Here they engaged in road building, a job already started by other Sea-Bees, and here Sid met two other Highwaymen, Warrant Officer John Timmons of the Southern Construction Division, and Carpenters Mate Clarence Chumar of Projects, who were similarly engaged when not ducking into fox holes to avoid Jap bombs.

Sterner's outfit next moved on to Guadalcanal. The picture here was much the same as in the New Hebrides, more road building, more bombings, and a lot of stevedoring thrown in on the side. While there, the S. S. John Penn, the transport on which the 35th had sailed from Norfolk, was sunk by bombs during a raid.

One dark night this group was loaded into invasion barges and before dawn they had landed on Ba-

(Continued on Page 3)

William N. Hagin

William N. Hagin, of 108 Benjamin Street, Cranford, died Sunday afternoon, November 14th, at Beth Israel Hospital, Newark, following a short illness. Bill, who was the Maintenance Foreman in charge of certain roads in the Metropolitan area of Newark and Jersey City, had been employed by the Department since May 1, 1932. He was a veteran of World War I, having enlisted May 22, 1917, and served overseas for nineteen months as a mechanic in Section 617, U.S.A.A.S. Immediate survivors are his wife, Jennie Smith Hagin, and two daughters, Rosa and Millicent, of Cranford. To them we extend every sympathy. Bill Hagin was an esteemed and valuable employee of the Department and his death creates a void which will be hard to fill.

THE HIGHWAY

Published by the New Jersey State Highway Dept.
in the interests of its Employees.

W. CARMAN DAVIS, Editor

Contributing Editors:

James H. Driscoll
Fred C. Claus
Elmer L. Meyer
Abram E. Watov
Reginald Bowen

Arthur J. Lichtenberg
W. Eugene Beckner
Edward Drake
Arthur Egan
James O'Rourke

Publication Office: 148 West State Street, Trenton, N. J.
Telephone: Trenton 2-2131 extension 573

SEASON'S GREETINGS

In a war-torn world a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year are things which might more appropriately be thought of as fond memories of another year. But as we look back to the Christmases of 1941 and 1942, when the forces of Democracy were desperately fighting for existence; when we compare this picture with the brighter outlook that confronts us today, we have much to be thankful for. The coming year may be a happy one indeed.

With this in mind, let us repeat the age-old greeting and to Highwaymen everywhere say, "A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!"

OVER THE TOP

Another page has been added to the long list of fine performances credited to public employees with the announcement that the State Highway has exceeded its quota in the recently completed Trenton United War and Community Services Campaign.

Because of the fact that Highway employees are scattered over twenty-one counties, each with their own drives, a State-wide figure on the contributions of this Department is impossible to obtain. We have no doubt, however, that figures equally as impressive as those pertaining to the Trenton area could be cited wherever Highwaymen participated as a group.

In Trenton the figure set as a quota was \$1731.00, the amount collected in 1942, despite the fact that we have approximately 10% fewer employees than a year ago. According to Mr. A. Lee Grover, who had general charge of the subscriptions, the final tabulations show that \$2439.00 was collected, which means that the individual contribution in the present campaign was about 45% higher than a year ago. This is an achievement in which all may take pardonable pride.

Survey and Plans Leads In Suggestions Received

Maintenance in Second Place

The Suggestion Box has received a total of 54 suggestions from employees of the Highway Department to date. Of this number 15 have already been adopted and many of these are today incorporated as standard practice in our various divisions.

This does not mean that the others have been rejected, however, because 21 suggestions are now in the process of being evaluated by the Employee-Management Committee with the possibility that several of them will be recommended for adoption.

The Survey and Plans section of the Construction Division leads in both the number of suggestions submitted and the number approved, with the Maintenance Division running a close second. Complete tabulations showing the number of ideas adopted and rejected as well as those being evaluated at the present time follows:

Division	Adopt.	Reject.	Awaiting Final Action
Survey-Pl. (Const)...	4	6	8
Maint.	3	4	3
Bridge (Const)	2	1	6
Elect.	2	4	3
Admin.	2	2	0
Equip.	1	0	2
10 Yr. Club	1	0	0
Anom.	0	1	0
Legal.	0	0	0
R/W.	0	0	1
Projects.	0	0	0
Lab.	0	0	0

It is well to remember that the evaluation of a suggestion sometimes takes considerable time. This can only mean that its possibilities are being thoroughly investigated by the Committee in consultation with officers of the Division affected. If you have not heard of the fate of your suggestion be patient for every effort is being made to arrive at an early decision in all cases.

In Second War



RAY SWEENEY

This smiling gob is none other than Ray Sweeney, formerly with the Electrical Division. Ray recently enjoyed shore leave after many trips aboard a Destroyer Escort. He had nothing to say at this time. This is Ray's second war having served in France the first time.

Highway Honor Roll



The following is the list of those entering the Armed Forces of the United States since the last issue of THE HIGHWAY.

Construction	
Thomas King	Navy
Electrical	
Henry K. Johnson	Navy
Maintenance	
James Wallace	Army
Wesley Meisner	Army

News From the Boys In the Service



FATHER AND SON

The two Coast Guardsmen shown above are Machinists Mate Howard Van Benthuyssen and his young son. Howard, who before his enlistment was a Landscape Foreman, is now stationed at Moriches, Long Island. He recently returned to active duty following an eight week's seige in the hospital.

Lt. Oliver A. Deakin, U.S.N.R. Westport Pt., Mass., writes an interesting letter to Bob Green, Landscape Supervisor. Ollie who formerly was with that division says in part, "Was glad to get your note enclosed with THE HIGHWAY. It was nice . . . to learn what others are doing these days. "From my office door I can see wild ducks floating around in the sound . . . a little target practice . . . by taking a few shots (at the ducks) with a Springfield . . . There is lots of good fish, oysters and lobsters up here . . . If you remember, tell Jeff (Johnson) that I haven't been to Newport since I received his card. Remember me to everyone."

PFC Philip J. Cascavilla, Bty "A" 1st Bn. 11th Marines, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco sends word from the South Pacific that, "Despite the fact that I am always on the go the July issue of THE HIGHWAY finally caught up with me yesterday (Oct. 20th). May I extend a late congratulation on the first birthday of our paper. I too celebrated on Oct. 10th when I completed four years in the U. S. Marine Corps."

"I have certainly covered much ground since entering the service and must depend upon THE HIGHWAY to keep informed. It is a treat to receive it when you are so far away from home."

"To my pals in the Maintenance Division with winter coming on, keep the highways open for the supplies to get through. We do our part with these much needed supplies. May I say hello to my former boss "Augie" Newman and the gang."

Projects Warrant Officers



SAMUEL HAHN

A letter from Warrant Officer Sam Hahn of Projects explains that he has finished his own training and is now assigned to instructing others. Sam, who is at Camp Peary, Va., says that the course is plenty tough and includes study, classroom work, maintenance of weapons, maneuvers and construction problems.

Likes THE HIGHWAY

S/Sgt. Anthony J. Parmigiani, Med. Det. Dept., A.A.F. Regional Hospital, Coral Gables, Fla., writes to say: "Do wish to thank you for sending me THE HIGHWAY as I really enjoy reading it. It keeps me informed with the goings on in the Department . . . Have had quite an interesting time in the service . . . hope that I may someday be back in the fold and carry on as before." Anthony is with the Maintenance Division.

Sends Xmas Greetings

Cpl. Anthony J. Pasquito says that he gets THE HIGHWAY every month and that "it makes a man happy to receive it. . . I am hoping to see a picture of the gang I worked with soon." Tony then requests that the following be passed on to the men he worked with: "Keep up the good work, men. Wish you all good health and a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year." And the same to you, Tony. And in case any of the men Pasquito worked with would like to write him, the address is: Cpl. A. J. Pasquito, 32075716, 494 Engr. Hq. Shop Co., APO 957 c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal.

Back in Australia



JACK BOULDEN

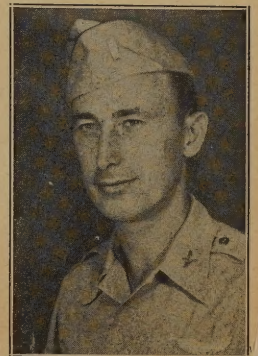
Corp. Jack Boulden 32270393, Hq. 374 T.C.Gp. USSAAF, A.P.O. 922 c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal. is back in Australia after nearly a year in the steaming jungles of New Guinea. Judging from a recent letter Jack is enjoying the change, for he writes, "Last evening I took a shower and went to bed early. It was so cool I had to use a blanket and for the first time since crossing the Pacific . . . I couldn't seem to get warm."

"I received a letter from Al Leuchters . . . who also sent me some cigarettes . . . I also get letters quite regularly from Mr. Frank O'Brien . . . We have been mixing with the "Aussie" civilians and troops quite a lot and have picked up a bit of their lingo . . . and have lots of fun talking that way among ourselves . . . Keep writing."



ERNEST TOPPING

Another Warrant Officer from the Projects Division, Ernest Topping, completed his basic training at Camp Peary recently and at the time he dropped in the Trenton Office he was on a ten day furlough preparatory to shipping to Camp Parks, Cal. From there Ernie expects to ship to the South Pacific.



ROBERT NEWMAN

Lt. Robert C. Newman 0793524, 302 Trans. Sqdn. 30th Transport Group, APO 627 c/o Postmaster, N.Y.C. sends Jack Evans of Survey and Plans a nice Christmas card from India. Opposite some Hindu hieroglyphics appears a nice picture of Bob which we are glad to pass on to you. Bob sends, "Best regards to all the boys."

EQUIPMENT ITEMS

James O'Rourke

Bill Polensky, for many years the chauffeur for Charles Willmott, has resigned from the Department. Bill regretted the necessity of taking such action, but because of the delicate condition of Mrs. Polensky's health it was considered advisable to take up residence in a more suitable climate. Good luck, Bill, we also regret your leaving.

Pat Fleming, chauffeur at the Newark Garage, has been re-employed following his recent lay-off when the force was reduced. Pat rejoins us in accordance with his seniority rights on the re-employment list.

The sympathies of the Department are extended to Ed Crawford upon the recent death of his brother, William, in Lawrence, Mass.

Another to whom we send condolences is John Civinsky, whose brother Alex died at his home in Newark recently. Incidentally, Johnnie has been laid up at home with a sprained ankle, the result of an accident suffered while working on one of the Mack trucks.

Fernwood is glad to welcome into the ranks of its guards one who has distinguished himself in the present war. We refer to S/Sgt. Abraham Simonowitz, a member of a B26 bomber crew, a possessor of the air medal with cluster as well as the Purple Heart. (The heroic story of Sgt. Simonowitz will be told in a later issue of THE HIGHWAY.—Ed.)

PROJECTS PARAGRAPHS

E. L. MEYER

Frank Higgin's latest letter reveals that he has been promoted to the rank of Major in command of the 2nd Bn., 349th Eng. (Aleutians). Capt. Carl Teegen (Const. Div.) is Operations Officer and is also in line for promotion. Capt. Tom Labar is now 2nd Bn. Adjutant. Lt. McGinnis is now in charge of LaBar's old company, while Lt. Paul Davis has been placed into the company command of Teegen. This should mean a couple of more promotions. This is a record of which all Highwaymen should be proud.

We are glad to see another Projects man among the Ten Year Club officers. Reference is made to the recent election of Bob McMullin as 2nd Vice Pres. It is our first representation since Charlie Hunt served as President.

The Projects bowling team which is the undisputed possessor of last place in the Highway Bowling League recently met the league leading Equipment team and took two games from them. It's a toss-up which was the more surprised.

Frank Harris, Asst. Supervisor of State Aid Projects, recently went to North Jersey for a day's grouse hunting. Although the birds were none too plentiful and the walking rough, Frank came home with his share.

Not Tiger Alumnus

Lt. George Kraus writes to deny that he ever was a Princeton graduate as reported in a recent issue of THE HIGHWAY from a Philadelphia paper. George can't figure out how the reporter at Adak ever got the idea except that he had taken a short war course at that famous university. In fact, in denying the Hollywood build-up Kraus says he was too busy to talk with reporters. He is assigned to road construction seven days a week regardless of weather.

Sgt. Joe Aiello—the lucky stiff has an inside job in the Aleutians—writes and receives more letters than any of the boys. And, incidentally, Joe can pen a very interesting letter.

Mary D'Arcy's husband, Alex, has been inducted and is now at Fort Dix. This means that Mary will be busier than ever with her service mail, which has already reached sizable proportions.

The scarcity of shot gun shells could not deter George Cumberly who after shooting a pheasant and a rabbit caught another bunny with his bare hands, thus saving at least one shell.

Projects Sea-Bee Dodged Jap Bombs

(Continued from Page 1)

nikas in the Russell Islands, eighty miles away. Once again hard work lay ahead, with the building of a mile long fighter strip and an even longer one for bombers. And once again they repeatedly sought the refuge of fox holes as Jap bombers rained overhead.

Flies Home

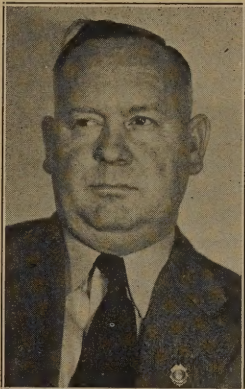
It was from this most advanced outpost that Sterner started the homeward flight by Clipper, a journey that covered 10,000 miles in nine days, and which was clear sailing all the way to Washington, D. C., where after flying the uncharted wastes of the Pacific, without incident, he was grounded by weather conditions.

Month after month in the South Pacific brings many adventures, but Sterner feels that the highlights were the fine record being established by State Highway men wherever they were encountered. "You can tell the world," he said, "that these fellows are really doing their share in winning this war. That goes for all of them, including Jack Carr, who as censor of our battalion used to cut practically everything out of my letters except the date line."

Sterner, who is married and makes his home in Madison, was home for the first three weeks in November. At present he is at Camp Peary, Va., where he is awaiting assignment to another construction battalion which he feels is destined to see action in the European theatre of war.

Martin Elected to State Fire Post

Robert G. Martin, one of the real veterans of the Equipment Division, has recently received due recognition for his many years of faithful service to Firemen's organizations by being elected to the office of Assistant Secretary of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association. His election represents the first time in 46 years that a Mercer County man has been in an executive position in this organization.



BOB MARTIN

Bob's qualifications for the job are many. For the past 14 years he has been Secretary of the Mercer County Firemen's Association and his faithful performance of duty can be best attested to by the fact that he has not missed a single meeting during that period of time.

In addition to this, Bob has served as Secretary to the Fire Chiefs Association for 11 years, Fire Commissioner for his district for 21 years, member of the Executive Committee from Mercer County to the State Exempt Firemen's Association for 3 years, Secretary to the Hamilton Township Firemen's Relief Association for 26 years, Treasurer of the Enterprise Fire Company for 15 years, and as a Director of the Hamilton Township Junior Firemen.

More recently Bob has been elected 1st Vice President of the Ten Year Club. His long organizational experience should prove to be a valuable asset to both himself and the club.

It is indeed a rare night when Bob can afford the luxury of an evening at home with his wife and four children, the oldest of whom Bob, Jr., is now serving with the Navy.

Those few Highwaymen who can remember Bob when he came to the Department in July, 1918, will tell you that aside from the addition of a few extra pounds around the waistline he has changed but little in the intervening years. He is still a man of boundless energy and enthusiasm as his record will attest.

ELECTRICAL FLASHES

Reg Bowen

It was expected that while vacationing down in Miami Beach Charlie Stecker (Assistant Engineer, Light & Power) and Mrs. Stecker would take full advantage of the sunshine. Evidently they preferred the night life as Charlie did not have the expected coat of tan.

As a result of recent examinations Bowen Bartlett of New Gretna was transferred from the Maintenance Division to this Division as a bridge attendant on November 16th whereas Attendant Kennard Coulter of Millville has been inducted into the U. S. Army and will report for active duty on December 9, 1943.

Having completed a one year assignment with the Civil Branch, Army Signal Corp in the Panama Canal Zone, Abram Bates of Allentown has been re-employed as an electrical mechanic. Abe resigned in May of 1942 and attended the Radar School at Camp Evans and later qualified for this most interesting assignment.

Richard (Dick) Goldy and George McGinnis were inducted December 4th and transferred to the Navy in the Ship's Repair Unit with the ratings of First Class Petty Officers. Prior to their leaves of absence, effective April 1, 1943, and employment by the Navy Department, they were electrical maintenance foremen of this Division.



EDWIN (TEX) RANSOM

Another Highwayman who recently enlisted in the Sea-Bees is Edwin (Tex) Ransom of the Electrical Division. Tex, whose peacetime rating was 1st Class Mechanic, is now a First Class Carpenter's Mate and we'll bet a first class fighting man.

First Class Carpenter's Mate E. A. Ransom, former electrical mechanic, was a recent visitor to the Trenton office while enroute to Camp Perry where he reported for embarkation. Tex has completed his boot training and also four weeks of military training with the Sea Bees.

Woman of the Month

With England so prominent in the headlines these days, it is appropriate that our Woman of the Month should have first seen the light of day in that war torn little island. To be more exact, Alice Stephan Carrell was born in the small town of Burslem in Stafford-



ALICE CARRELL

shire, that section of the midlands known for its industries, and one which has felt the full brunt of enemy bombing during the present war.

When Alice had reached the tender age of one, the Stephan family migrated to Trenton as had so many English families before them. In addition to our Woman of the Month, those accompanying the parents on this occasion were two older brothers, Bob, an employee of the Federal Government, and Tom, who for many years has been secretary to Mr. C. F. Bedwell, Acting State Highway Engineer. A third brother, Henry, a draftsman with Hurvey and Plans, and three younger sisters had not taken their place in the family at this early stage.

Attends Rider College

Upon reaching the age of six, Alice was duly enrolled in the Trenton public schools. With this auspicious start, she continued her educational pursuit until she graduated from Rider College of that city, a fully qualified secretary and stenographer.

Her first experience in the world of business came with the Dunham Department Store of Trenton, where she acquired proficiency in her chosen field. In February of 1924, after successfully passing a Civil Service examination, Alice entered the employ of the State Highway Department with the Real Estate Division where she acted in a secretarial capacity to Mr. Robert Meeker and Mr. J. J. Newmark.

Starts Legal Career

In 1929, as a result of a transfer, she launched upon her career with the Legal Division as secretary to Mr. Walter H. Bacon, Counsel to the Commission. Since that time she has successively served as secretary to Messrs. Erwin, Garven, O'Brien and Van Tine. In the meantime, further examination had advanced her title to Principal Clerk.

Alice's talents are by no means confined to the secretarial field. In fact, she lists cooking and knitting among her prime hobbies, and the Red Cross has been the recipient of many of the products of her handiwork.

Perhaps the most outstanding characteristic of this charming lady is her cheerful disposition and her ability to make friends, as adequately attested by her popularity in and out of the Highway Department.

New Annual Report

A streamlined edition of the Annual Report made its appearance recently. This pocket-sized resume of the Department's activities for the year 1942 is the handiwork of Vincent Lannigan, Assistant to the Chief Clerk. It contains many photographic illustrations as well as numerous graphs and charts which tell the whole story in a nutshell.

BUY WAR BONDS

Administration Division

ARTHUR EGAN

Mr. Eugene V. Connett was unable to attend the Ten Year Club Dinner because of a severe cold, laryngitis, gripe and other ills contracted while hunting ducks on Long Island. Those who recall his address at the dinner last year will understand our disappointment at his absence. We are pleased to report that he has now completely recovered. We have not, at this date, however, learned whether he got any ducks. (Mr. Connett says it was worth it. They bagged 40 ducks.—Ed.)

With a feeling of deep regret we report the death of John E. Mulvey, Projects Inspector. Although a Projects Inspector, Mr. Mulvey had been assigned to the Administration Division. After a career that took him to all parts of the country and into many responsible jobs he came to the Department in 1930. He was a qualified inspector in all types of construction and his wide experience and knowledge proved of great value to the Department. To the members of his family we extend our sincere sympathy.

CHATTER: Word comes from New Guinea that 1st Lt. Welling Howell, son of Marvin Howell, Chief Accountant, has been promoted to the rank of Captain. . . . Gene Palmer recently made a second trip to Jefferson Hospital, Phila., where he underwent another operation. Glad to report that Gene is doing all right. We hope to see him back at his desk soon. . . . Makes no difference where Harold Jemison goes fishing, he just can't seem to get there at the same time as the fish. Recently while surf fishing, Jemmy wanted his pals to go farther down the beach. The boys prevailed upon him to stay put. Result, fishermen about a half mile down the beach came up with a nice catch of strippers. . . . The members of the Administration Division extend their sincere sympathy to Marion Hester of THE HIGHWAY staff upon the death of her father. Mr. Hester will be remembered by many in the Trenton area as having conducted a coal and feed business here for many years. . . . Claire Laczoni, Secretary to Mr. Howell, enjoyed a day in New York. . . . Frank Allen of the same office vacationing at the old home town, Hope, N. J. Wonder if he and George Andress have accounted for all the rabbits up there. . . . Frank Kimble of Mr. Hurley's Office is another vacationer who did some hunting—reports having a swell pheasant dinner. . . . Marilyn Sidal has recovered from a severe cold. . . . Birthday greetings to Mildred Friedman, Key punch Operator. The girls surprised Mildred with a birthday cake, candy and ice cream. . . . After six tries Johnny Egan finally saw Villanova win a football game from Temple University. Seems that every time Johnny attended this game, Villanova took it on the chin. Well, perseverance generally has its rewards. . . . Elgin Mayer has joined the Gallon Club in the blood bank. Elgin recently donated his eighth pint. . . . Another new girl has been added to the Department. Welcome to Miss Mary Richter of Gene Palmer's Office. . . . Cpl. Frank Suchocki, of the Cost Department, in to say hello. . . . Have not heard from some of the boys in service in quite some time.

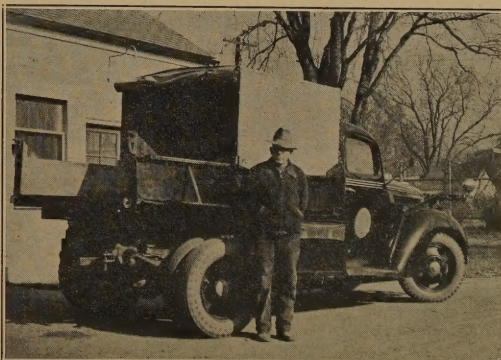
THE SUGGESTION BOX

has received 54 Suggestions to date.

Was yours among them

?

SAFE FROM WINTRY WINDS



The maintenance truck of Foreman Frank Yannott of Hightstown is equipped with a well-tailored removable top over the forward part of the body. This ingenious shelter is the handiwork of the men in the gang who long ago decided to travel in comfort.

The Maintenance Division is now equipping all trucks with similar shelters as fast as material can be obtained. The gentleman standing beside the truck is Archie Perrine, driver.

BRIDGE BRIEFS

Arthur Lichtenberg

Arthur H. Stetser writing from camp 272 miles West of Whitehorse along the Alcan Highway tells of driving piles thru frozen ground. He states, "We have never witnessed pile driving in N. J. thru frozen ground but it can be done. Steam Jetting each hole for proper penetration. You know that this whole Yukon area is underlaid with frozen ground or ice cap. Clear blue ice is sometimes found 2 to 3 feet below growing vegetation." Since receiving this letter Stetser's crew have been forced to abandon work for the winter and he resumed his position in the Bridge Division.

Doing Two Jobs

A new honor has come to the Bridge Division in the selection of its head, Morris Goodkind, to serve as a Consulting Engineer on special bridge problems for the War Department. The work involved is in the office of the Chief Engineer and concerns bridge designs in all theatres of war. The job we hear, is exacting and highly confidential and demands considerable time. "Goodie" is now a Washington commuter, and divides his time between offices there and in Trenton.

Wilbur Spencer in his election to the office of President of the Ten Year Club is the third Bridge Division employee so honored. Wilbur also finds time to serve on the Board of Directors of The New Jersey Society of Professional Engineers, Mercer County Chapter. He recently received his license as a Professional Engineer. So, triple congratulations to a man who finds more than his job to interest him.

Overlooked After 20 Years

Phil H. Burch's name was inadvertently left out of the Bridge Briefs list of Bridge Division employees receiving 20 year silver emblems. This accordingly rights the omission. Phil, as many of us know, does a large share of the checking of bridge plans, and the following poem was written with him in mind some time ago.

Who is the man who'll take your plan and change it all around,
Who says your wing walls are too short, in fact they're under-ground,
Who finds a rod an eighth too long, a thing we always fear,
He's that line-erasing, plan-de-facing, checking engineer.

Geo. A. Hefferman with time still on his hands has just promised to edit a column in the proposed Credit Union News. He has also been added to the Editorial Staff of the Police Reservist, the organ of the Trenton Police Reserves. During blackouts George serves a local beat and likely cogitates on his editorials. What a man!

Birthday greetings to: Fred C. Dileo, Dec. 18; W. F. Hunter, Dec. 31; Patrick McCulloch, Dec. 14; George R. Voorhees, Dec. 30 and Kenneth S. Yates, Dec. 15.

Allocates Steel

A. Paul Gabrenas on leave with the Army Transport Corps and located in Cincinnati writes of his work in the allocation of steel to shipbuilders. Critical War material requirements for the next fifteen months are being listed for the War Production Board and "Gabby" has the responsibility of reporting hull structural steel, Gabby receives "The Highway" regularly and reads every word of it. The distance he concludes "makes a heap of difference in the appreciation of news from home."

Back With Highway

Sgt. Joseph Numolie, honorably discharged from the Army Air Corps, has now returned to his former duties as File Clerk in the Lab. Joe has been relating his interesting experiences to a willing group of listeners.

Hospitalized

Corp. George Goeller, formerly Asst. Testing Chemist at the Lab, is now back in this country recuperating at the Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, from an illness contracted in North Africa. Everyone here wishes him a speedy recovery.

MEET THE GANG



The Maintenance Gang of N. J. Pendergast of Somerville is one of the largest groups of its kind in the State and because of this they cover what is perhaps the largest territory in New Jersey, a section which extends along Route 31 from Princeton to Chester, and along Route 29 from the South Branch of the Raritan River to Green Brook Bridge near Scotch Plains, a total of sixty-one miles.

Assisting Pendergast in the direction of the maintenance of this section of highways are three Assistant Foremen, George Libby, James Traynor and James Coleman. Two of these men, Libby and Traynor, serve also as truck drivers, the former stepping into the breach created by the accidental death of Arthur Reinhardt, while Coleman is a pretty handy man himself, numbering stenography and auto mechanics among his attainments.

Many men in this Gang are among the early employees of the Maintenance Division. Peter Ayres, who is sort of a one man gang, came in 1920 and is the oldest of the group both in age and in length of employment. Alex Frischetti joined the forces in 1922, followed by Mariano Marachetti in 1924. Several others look back on ten or more years service.

Hobbies surely must exist in a group of men as large as this, but aside from the usual number of huntsmen and fishermen, it seemed as though gardening occupied most of the spare hours, which left little to write about. One man, Charles Groce, besides acting as the driver of the third of this Gang's trucks, finds time on Sundays to serve as Pastor of the New Bethel Baptist Church in Jersey City.

In the above photo the men stood in front of their maintenance shed on Route 29 near Somerville. Reading from left to right in the front row are: Herman Tuck, Pasquale Morotta, Benvenuto Aveta, Michael Rauber, John Van Fleet and Peter Ayres. Second row: Nick Pendergast, John Cirello, Peter Galbraith, Mariano Marachetti, Alex Frischetti, Clifford Fenner, George Libby and James Coleman. Rear row: Vincenzo Oliverio, James Traynor, Thomas Frischetti, Charles Groce, Andrew Bajowski, Harry Hotel, and Walter Smith (Grade Operator.)

CONSTRUCTION COMMENTS

Fred C. Claus

Newark

Bertram Vreeland, who has been loaned to the State-Wide Planning Survey since the beginning of the year, is now back with Survey and Plans. Welcome.

We recently learned that Morgan Hand has been elected Senior Vice Commander of the Cape May American Legion Post. Congratulations.

Since 1st Lieut. Ephraim Solkoff's service address is now APO 9008, c/o Postmaster New York City, it is reasonable to assume that Eppie is now on foreign shores.

Ever since the flag that so proudly waved from the Newark Highway Building was torn several months ago, the flag pole has been bare! This does not seem to be appropriate, especially during the present emergency.

It is with deep regret that we learned of the death of Joseph J. Andrews, 638 Garfield Avenue, Jersey City, following a prolonged illness. Joe originally came to the Department in 1931 and was thirty-four years of age at the time of his death. To his family, THE HIGHWAY extends on behalf of the employees of this Department every sympathy.

Woodlynne

In a recent letter to his wife, Warrant Officer John J. Timmons writes that it looks as if he would be home in January. John has been in the Navy (Sea-Bees) for 18 months and has spent most of his time in the Southwest Pacific.

Chas. B. Franklin, Sr. Draftsman of this office, was recently elected to full membership in the Naval Architects and Marine Engineers Assoc. At the present time, Ben is on leave with the Penn-Jersey Shipyard in Camden.

While on the subject of visitors, we might say that Traffic Enumerators Henderson, Edwards and

Dancona have given up trying to find at pinocle and are now spending the noon hour trying to beat each other at checkers.

Herbert Richter of Projects has been temporarily assigned to this office. Bert is a likeable chap and we are glad to have him with us.

After spending several weeks on leave in New Jersey, Lieut. Comm. Wm. B. Dallas returned to California only to find that he was to be almost immediately transferred to Camp Peary, Va., where he is located at Bldg. E-2-52 Area E. Williamsburg.

Two veteran nimrods, Harry Marvin and Ray Weatherly, went afield recently and claimed a good bag. Harry, confining himself exclusively to rabbits, came home with four of the cottontails and several near misses, while Ray shot a pheasant, a woodcock and several bunnies.

On Nov. 16th, T/Sgt. James R. Flynn stopped in to say hello. Jimmy is now with the Coast Artillery where he has been duly impressed with the speed and accuracy of the big guns. He would like to hear from his many friends in the Department. The address is: Hq. Southern Sector, Realty Bldg., Jacksonville, Fla.

The members of this office who attended the Ten Year Club dinner have nothing but the highest praise for the fine dinner and excellent entertainment.

Trenton

At the recent annual meeting of the Highway Research Board in Chicago, H. W. Giffin presented a paper entitled, "Transverse Joints in the Design of Heavy Duty Concrete Pavements."

Lt. Harold Blake of the 333rd Engineers (Flemington Office) writes from England to say that Ollie Doll of this office was the officer assigned to instruct the

333rd in motor transport problems upon their arrival in England. Harold, incidentally, is in line for double congratulations, first, for his marriage just prior to sailing, and secondly, for his recent promotion to 1st Lieutenant.

Mary Filipone is doing a bang-up job as Secretary to the Highway Credit Union. This reminds us that the Drafting room membership in this organization is now almost 100%.

Many of the boys in the drafting room were recently approached for part time jobs with the Eastern Aircraft Corporation of Trenton. Post war planning, however, will probably utilize all the excess energy they have in overtime hours.

Carl Slemmer is displaying unusual ability in making sketches of proposed designs of intersections and grade separations on the Trenton thru-route.

Upper Montclair

Larry Kavanaugh is doing a swell morale job by writing each serviceman from this office a personal letter, sending season's greetings. This is a good will gesture which might well be copied by a lot of us.

F. E. Beck, Resident Eng., who has been sojourning with us for the past year, has returned to construction work in charge of the Knickerbocker Road job. His acrid comments on current events will be missed.

M. L. Ritchie, our Demon Designing Draftsman, acquired a house in Newark and is up to his neck in remodeling plans which will call for the services of a plumber, carpenter, painter, mason and electrician.

The Newark Chapter of the Engineering Assoc., N. J. State Highway Dept., will hold its annual meeting Friday, December 17th. Election and installation of officers will be followed by a dinner and social evening.

Norman Schajà is getting his share of chuckles out of life at Fort Dix. He writes: "It was K. P. today. Up at 4 a. m. and on the ball for 14 1/2 hrs. Meals are perfectly balanced . . . prepared by experts . . . as interesting as possible. This place is like the Grand Central, with civilians parading in timidly, then leaving within a few days or weeks with two bags full of G. I. equipment . . ." Norm's address is: A.S.N. 42011682, Co. C—Barracks 3, Fort Dix, N. J.

Bob Finch writes from Oklahoma A & M where he is taking a refresher course in math and electricity. His general average to date is 86% which is nice going. Keep it up Bob. A letter addressed to 166 Cordell Hall, USNT Sc. E. E. & R. M., Stillwater, Oklahoma will reach him.

Perth Amboy

James W. Hiller recently took an out-of-season swim while on survey at the Pt. Pleasant-Bay Head canal. It appears that Jim lost his balance and plunged into eight feet of water with all his clothes on. Upon surfacing, Jim's only remark was, "My gosh, my cigar's out." Tough guy!

MAINTENANCE NOTES

GENE BECKNER

The supervisory staff of the Western District has been having more than its share of illness recently. Foreman Pete Lutz was stricken ill early in July and returned to work only recently. On his return, Foremen William Hagin and Dan Fitzhenry were the next victims. Foreman Hagin's illness proved fatal, and his demise is reported elsewhere in this issue. Foreman Fitzhenry is still confined to his home. The latest to be reported is none other than Supervisor Klockner, who is confined to his home at Clinton. Both Foreman Fitzhenry and Supervisor Klockner are showing signs of definite improvement, and it is hoped that in a subsequent issue we will be able to advise of their return to duty.

Bell Injured

Martin Bell, truck driver in George Beattie's maintenance crew, was the victim of an unusual accident at his home the other day. Bell was repairing an automobile for his son and was putting a new spring in place when the spring slipped and struck him on the side of his head. He suffered two severe lacerations on the right side of his head which required six sutures to close.

From the number of employees who took all or part of their vacations during the hunting season, it is evident that the Maintenance Division still has its share of Nimrods. A goodly number of employees were out hunting and despite the scarcity of ammunition most of them managed to bring home plenty of rabbits and pheasants to supplement their meat ration. From vacations scheduled for the deer hunting season, it is evident that venison will be on some tables during December.

Our sympathy is extended to Patrick Halloran, member of Frank Vail's landscape maintenance crew, whose wife died early in November following a lengthy illness.

Latest maintenance employees to return to duty following their honorable discharge from military service are Hildreth Hogate, with Foreman E. S. Fogg in the Southern District, and Tony Citta, with Patrolman Joseph Reed in the Central District.

The Maintenance Division of late has proven to be a generous source of supply for the Electrical Division in securing bridge attendants. Recent transfers from this Division to the Electrical include Bowen Bartlett, of New Gretna; Richard Yentsch, of Camden; and Louis Boland, of Fort Lee.

Swan song from the Victory Gardens—Ella Moore and Warren Oldham harvested their final crop just the other day. A first class harvest of late carrots and turnips wound up the gardens until another year.

Goes North for Winter

Charlie Doherty's typical luck has followed him into his army career. Shortly after his induction on June 18th last, "Doc" was sent to Keesler Field, Miss., where he remained throughout the intense summer heat. With the arrival of cold weather, however, the Army authorities thought it time to give him a change, so he was transferred to the Army Administration School, Fargo, North Dakota. Temperature there have already dipped well below the freezing mark, so it would appear that no matter what his next assignment may be, Doc will be ready for it. In a recent letter he states that he expects to complete the course of administrative training at Fargo about December 8th, and from then on your guess is as good as his.



From
THE STAFF